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Subject: Little Elk Creek One Cleanup Program pilot

Hi Helen, thanks for agreeing to help us work through some of the community involvement/communication challenges associated with our Little Elk Creek project.

Below is a fact sheet about the project and our project action plan. We're investigating over 15 sites in conjunction with this project. The Elkton Farm/Firehole site is the one that is really hot at the moment. I've also included our fact sheet about the Elkton Farm site. See Lorie's e-mail below about a recent meeting she attended for the site - we're funding the site assessment through PA/SI. MDE, the Army Corps and the State Fire Marshall believe that they should issue a public announcement about the site and declare it off limits for all uses (including farming). They are planning a press release, but I don't know all the details. Lorie, Mark and I feel we could use your support in handling the communication for this site.



Little Elk Creek fact sheet.wpd Action Plan for Elkton MD.wpd OCP_FactSheet_elkton farm.wpd

We're having our next Little Elk Creek meeting on July 15 in Elkton. I'll send you a calendar appointment separately. I'll be sending out the meeting agenda and directions tomorrow. We have 4 cars going from our office to the meeting, so there should be plenty of room to travel with us. We'll also be doing a site tour of all the sites after the meeting if you're interested.

I hope you or someone from your staff can come to our meeting. Thanks.

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Subject: Elkton Meeting today

Mark/Kristeen:

I just wanted to give you a quick summary of the meeting at Elkton Farm today. The prospective buyer is Windsor Management Co. from Freehold, NJ. The For Sale signs are down and the representative from Windsor says they have an "agreement in principle" with the owner to buy the land. The projected development may have up to 1500 new homes. They've already discussed water issues and were thinking about constructing a water treatment plant on Elk Creek. MDE suggested that deep wells would be a better alternative.

Regarding the firehole, they were concerned with time frame for investigation and cleanup. Since the area is under power lines, they had the area slated for greenspace anyway. Now they are trying to decide whether to have that approx. 55-acre portion of the 400 acres taken out of the deed. Probably a good move. They will be

3 cars going
leaving 8am from lobby

meetings 10-1230 lunch & tour

reviewing MDE and EPA files on the investigation at the fire hole and possibly other sites at Triumph in order to determine what additional work they may need to do when they do their Phase I and Phase II investigation on the reemaining 345 acres of the property. They will be working with MDE on their sampling plan and will probably be doing their investigation in the same time frame that MDE will be continuing theirs under the EPA CA. MDE will be doing test pits in the fire hole area in September after the soy beans are harvested from the field.

We suggested that they hire a good environmental lawyer and have them consult with EPA, the Corps and MDE prior to signing the sale contract. They are willing to do anything that is required in order to be free from liability down the road.

I also talked to Karl about community relations. He said that he has a man, Bill Schmidt, working on it and they will fill us in at the July 15 meeting (He's also hoping for the \$38,000 for that purpose). I suggested help from EPA's community relations staff and he thought that would be a great idea. Do you think we can get someone from our staff to attend the meeting on the 15th?

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